

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronic message from within [[an]] a
2 game application to an intended recipient over a network, comprising:
3 receiving a user input selecting an image generated by the game application;
4 generating a message form from within the game application for receiving
5 message information;
6 combining the selected image and the message information into a composite
7 message; and
8 sending the composite message from within the game application to the intended
9 recipient over the network.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein message information further comprises
2 address information for the recipient.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein message information further comprises
2 message text to be transmitted to the recipient.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 receiving an address specifying a recipient of the message; and
3 attaching the address to the composite message; and wherein sending
4 comprises sending the composite message to the specified address.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 receiving a generate message command; and
3 responsive to receiving the generate message command, pausing execution
4 of the application.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising:
2 responsive to a message containing the image being transmitted, resuming
3 execution of the application.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 sending a message containing recipient and sender data to a predetermined
3 recipient to allow the predetermined recipient to identify potential
4 users of the application.

AS 1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 further comprising:
2 receiving the message;
3 identifying an intended recipient of the message;
4 determining whether the intended recipient is an owner of the game application;
5 and
6 responsive to the intended recipient not being an owner of the game application,
7 sending advertising material regarding the game application to the
8 intended recipient.

1 9. (Currently Amended) A method of capturing a gaming experience of a currently
2 executing game application for transmission as a message to a remote recipient:
3 capturing a user selected multimedia information generated as part of the
4 gaming experience;
5 receiving text to accompany the multimedia information;
6 creating a composite message using the captured multimedia information
7 and the received text; and
8 sending the composite message from within the game application to a recipient
9 at a remote location.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein capturing user selected multimedia
2 information comprises

3 capturing an image currently being displayed by the application.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein capturing the user selected multimedia
2 information comprises:

3 retrieving an audio file linked to the application.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[9]] 10 wherein capturing an image further
2 comprises:

3 removing extraneous information from the currently displayed image.

AS 1 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[9]] 10 wherein capturing an image further
2 comprises:

3 scaling the ~~captured~~ currently displayed image to a smaller size.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein sending the composite message comprises:
2 compressing the multimedia information.

1 15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein sending further comprises:
2 converting the composite message into a format compatible with an
3 electronic messaging protocol.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:
2 pausing execution of the application responsive to receiving a selection of
3 multimedia information.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:
2 resuming execution of the application responsive to sending the composite
3 message.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:
2 displaying a notification to the sender that the sent message has been
3 received.

1 19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for sending an electronic message
2 from within [[an]] a game application to an intended recipient over a network, the computer
3 readable medium storing instructions for causing a processor to:

4 receive a user input selecting an image displayed by the game application;

5 generate a message form from within the game application for receiving
6 message information;

7 combine the selected image and the message information into a composite
8 message; and

9 send the composite message from within the game application to the intended
10 recipient over the network.

1 20. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 19 storing instructions that further
2 cause the processor to:

3 pause execution of the application responsive to receiving a generate
4 message command; and

5 responsive to a message containing the image being transmitted, resume
6 execution of the application.

1 21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 18 wherein the
2 instructions ~~for capturing~~ to receive user input selecting an image further cause the processor to:
3 remove extraneous information from the ~~currently~~ displayed image.
